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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON
BERLIN AND GERMANY

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1. PREPARATIONS ARE PROCEEDING FOR SENIOR LEVEL MEETING
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AND QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL IN WASHINGTON MAY 29
FOLLOWING GENERAL FORMAT OF PAST NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.
DEPT. PRESENTLY ENVISAGES DISCUSSION OF BERLIN AND GERMANY
ISSUES AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING MORNING MAY 29 CONTINUING
THROUGH LUNCH, WITH DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES IN THE
AFTERNOON IF DESIRED BY PARTICIPANTS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY
VEST WOULD CHAIR AND WOULD REPORT TO THE FOUR FOREIGN

MINISTERS AT BEFORE-DINNER DISCUSSION OF BERLIN-RELATED ISSUES AT WHICH BERLIN EXPERTS WOULD BE PRESENT. FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, MINISTERS PLUS ONE WOULD MOVE TO ONE ROOM AND BERLIN EXPERTS TO ANOTHER FOR DINNER. IDEALLY DOBBINS (EUR/WE) WOULD BE ONLY ADDITIONAL PERSON AT MINISTERS' DINNER AS NOTETAKER ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE FRENCH MAY INSIST ON ALSO HAVING THEIR NOTETAKER PRESENT. FRG INTERPRETER FOR GENSCHER MAY BE INCLUDED IF DESIRED. DEPT. WILL CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS AND SCHEDULES WHEN FIRMED UP SO US REP WILL BE ABLE

TO INFORM BONN GROUP. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY MAKE US BONN GROUP REP AVAILABLE FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

2. DEPT. HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY IN BONN GROUP FOR MAY 29 QUAD MEETINGS ON BERLIN ISSUES (BONN 6111):

(A) NAC BRIEFING: WE ASSUME THAT BRIEFING ON GENERAL BERLIN SITUATION NOW UNDER PREPARATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO NAC BY NATO PERMREP OF COUNTRY IN CHAIR IN BONN GROUP.

(B) NATO COMMUNIQUE: THE AGREED DRAFT TEXT OF BERLIN AND GERMANY PARAGRAPH OF NATO COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT STILL MUST BE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY MINISTERS MAY 29.

(C) ASSESSMENT: THE ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL BERLIN SITUATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS SHOULD BE BRIEF AND SHOULD CONSIDER BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. SINCE THE ASSESSMENT WILL BE THE MAIN DOCUMENT PRESENTED TO MINISTERS, IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION WHICH MAY BE TREATED IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE VIABILITY STUDY. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY MAY BE CONSIDERING CONCLUDING ASSESSMENT WITH SECTION LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SIX MONTHS. WE BELIEVE THIS COULD BE USEFUL ADDITION IF BRIEF AND DONE IN A GENERAL WAY SO AS NOT TO PREJUDGE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES.

(D) ANNOTATED AGENDA: DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS FOR INCLUSION IN ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. AT THIS POINT WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE:

(1) NATO COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN AND GERMANY.

(2) DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT.

(3) BERLIN IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST/WEST RELATIONS, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE BERLIN ASPECTS OF BREZHNEV'S EARLY MAY VISIT TO BONN.

(4) BERLIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE EC. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO HAVE AN AGREED STUDY ON THIS

SUBJECT IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MINISTERIAL. IF A PROGRESS REPORT IS ALL THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED (BONN 6111)
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WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD CONTAIN SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE MAJOR EC ISSUES.

(5) THE BUNDESRAT PRESIDENCY ISSUE.

(6) BERLIN VIABILITY, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP VIABILITY STUDY.

(7) STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS.

(8) ONLY IF RAISED BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS, DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE US AND FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH THE GDR.

3. SUMMARY REPORT OF SENIOR LEVEL MEETING TO BE PREPARED BY US SIDE WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR BERLIN DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS. NO AGENDA NEED BE AGREED IN THE BONN GROUP FOR QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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